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HAWAIIAN ISLANDS.

*Two cases and one death from plague at Honolulu.*

[Cablegram.]

HONOLULU, HAWAII,

*December 3, via San Francisco, Cal., December 10, 1901.*

WYMAN, *Washington, D. C.*: Death from plague, Honolulu, November 27. Have written.—COFER.

[Cablegram.]

HONOLULU, HAWAII,

*December 4, via San Francisco, Cal., December 10, 1901.*

WYMAN, *Washington, D. C.*: There has been a case of plague at Honolulu to-day. Particulars later.—COFER.

*Report of the death from plague on November 27.*

HONOLULU, HAWAII, *December 3, 1901.*

SIR: Referring to my telegram of even date, reporting a death from plague in Honolulu on November 27, I have the honor to state the following facts in connection with this case, which facts were furnished by Dr. J. S. B. Pratt, the executive officer of the board of health:

Chang Chee, a Chinese, aged 22 years, was seen on November 26 by Dr. Hodgins. The man was delirious, had a very high temperature, and a very rapid and weak pulse. In the left groin was found a well-defined bubo which upon pressure was very painful. The man died at 1.30 p. m. the day following and the post-mortem was made almost immediately by Dr. McDonald. There were present a large number of physicians, including the officers of the Service here. The necropsic findings were characteristic and the diagnosis of bubonic plague was almost unanimous.

The usual smears were made from the glands and spleen, and the body was then sent to the quarantine station for cremation.

An investigation showed the man's home to be opposite Relief Camp No. 2, on Vineyard street, and that after his illness had begun he had been removed to a house near Hotel and River streets, where he died. Both places were found to be in a good sanitary condition and no evidence was obtainable as to the presence of rats either dead or alive.

The house where the man lived when he was taken ill is located 500 feet from focus No. 3 (vide my letter of June 25). The house in which he died is only 300 feet from focus No. 4 (vide my letter of July 10, 1901). The board of health has furnished this office with a list of the suspects which we are referring to in our certification of intending steerage passengers for the Pacific coast.

There have been no other developments in this connection since November 27, 1901.

Respectfully,

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The SURGEON-GENERAL,  
*U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.*